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Introduction

Charles Hughes Master of The Information Technologists' Company

"The presentation on 17th June, 2010 by HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, of a Royal Charter to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, the 100th City of London Livery Company, marks an historic milestone.

Royal Charters are very special and only awarded to a few organisations which work for the public good and have longevity. The Charter brings honour and prestige to our Company and to the UK information and communication technology industry. It also transforms us from a membership organisation to an incorporated body.

There are many reasons to celebrate, such as our tremendous progress over the 25 years since our inception, the outstanding charitable and educational programmes and the strong support for our profession. The Royal Charter recognises these achievements and is a source of encouragement for future endeavour.

This book is a wonderful record of a great event in our history. More than that it is a tribute to all the members who give so freely of their time and talent to make the Information Technologists a magnificent Livery Company."



The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman Nick Anstee



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It is a great honour for me to represent the City of London at the celebration of the granting of the Royal Charter to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, when the Master, Mr Charles Hughes will receive the Royal Charter from His Royal Highness the Earl of Wessex on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

Since the City of London's 100th Livery Company came into being, it has had a wide-ranging impact - assisting and, indeed, enhancing very many people's lives through its works in education, the disabled, the disadvantaged and with the Army Cadets and Royal Corps of Signals. Numerous organisations and charities within the City and nationwide, have already benefited from this young Company's interest and beneficence.

I know how strong the determination is within the Information Technologists' to continue and expand its important work over coming years, and indeed you build for centuries to come, in the best Livery Company tradition. Here, in our day, it is particularly impressive for the Hundredth Company to join with the First in sponsoring the new Hammersmith Academy. Together with the Worshipful Company of Mercers', you are creating a school of great promise serving the young people of Hammersmith and Fulham.

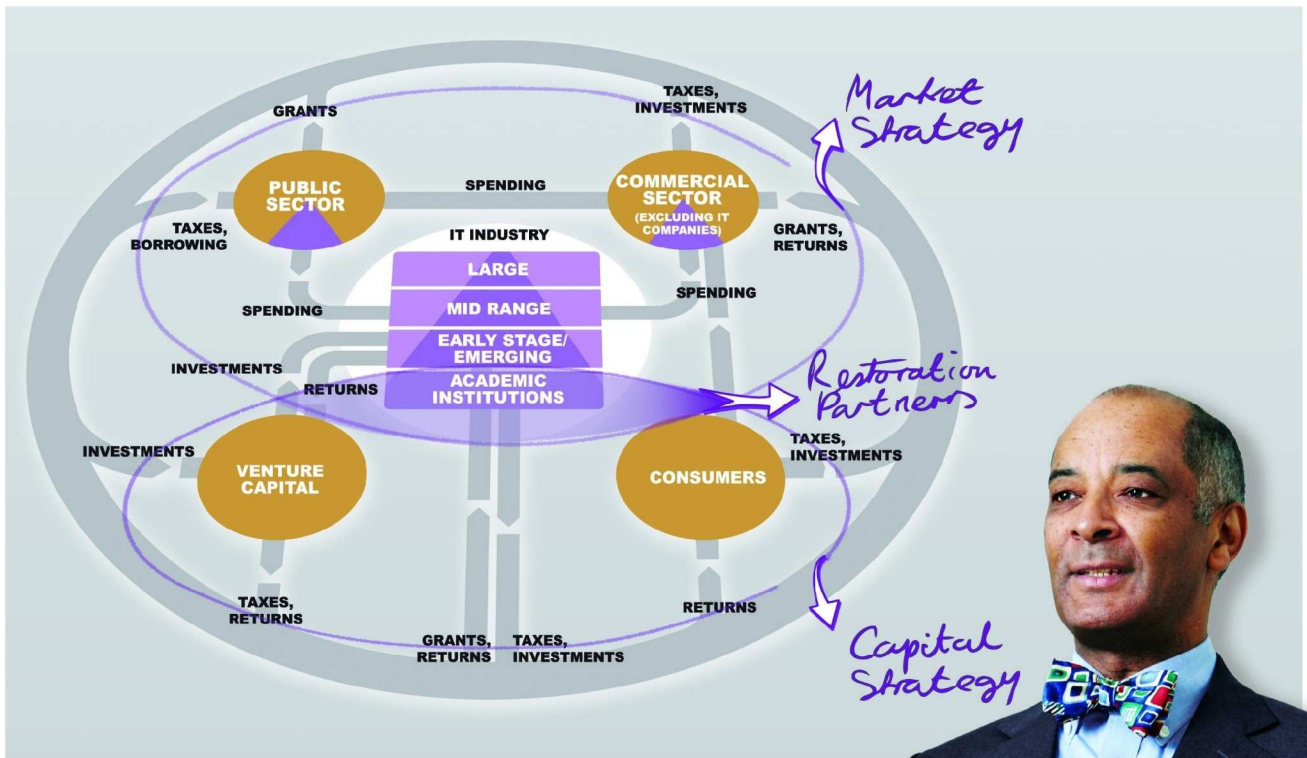
Young as you are, you have proven that together, you, the Livery, the City of London and the IT industry can change lives for the better. May I send my warmest congratulations to this splendid fellowship, its members and staff, and wish you well today, tomorrow and in your future charitable, educational and professional endeavours.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Nick Anstee

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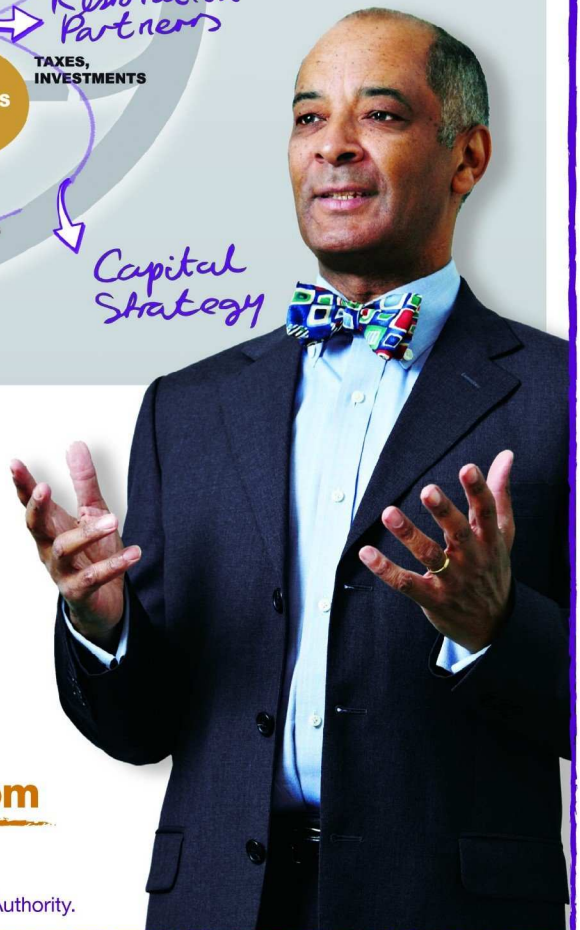
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The Information Technologists' Company

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (the full and formal name of The Information Technologists' Company) is ranked 100th in the order of precedence for the City of London Livery Companies, and its work brings together the centuries-old livery tradition and Information Technology, the key industry of the 21st century. It runs a significant programme of charitable and educational activities, providing activities and a forum for discussion to improve the UK through IT.

720 leading IT practitioners belong to the Company. Members come from all sides of the IT sector - suppliers and users, hardware and software, and from established multinational companies to newly created start ups.

Whatever their background all our members share a desire to give something back, to the sector and to the wider community. Members give their time, resources and the contacts available through their personal networks to support our activities.

The governing body of the ITC is the Court of Assistants, which is chaired by the Master of the Company. The Master is supported by the Wardens and a staff team headed by the Company's Clerk.

The Information Technologists' Company has its origins in the early 1980s when two IT professionals, Alan Benjamin and Bernard Harty, approached the City of London with the idea of starting a livery company for people working in IT.

The livery ethos of promoting professional standards, supporting education and training and undertaking charitable work was clearly relevant to the many successful IT professionals who were now looking to give something back to the industry and to the wider community.

Setting up a livery company for information technologists also reflected both the changing nature of work within the City of London, and the increasingly important contribution of the IT industry.

In 1986, the Company of Information Technologists was made a City Company without grant of livery. In 1992 it was awarded full livery company status, receiving its Charter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London.

In 2001, it took up permanent residence at 39a Bartholomew Close, now known as Information Technologists' Hall, and was one of the first new livery halls to open in the City of London for over 50 years. The building itself dates back to the mid-18th century.

On 17th June 2010, the Information Technologists' Company was granted a Royal Charter, presented to the Master Charles Hughes by His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO, at Mansion House following a special service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists Charity (WCIT Charity) is a company with liability limited by guarantee. It was set up as a subsidiary of the ITC, with the Livery Company as sole shareholder, and is responsible for holding and managing the assets accumulated by the ITC and making and supporting charitable donations. The WCIT Charity is registered as a charity under registration number 1113488. It is overseen by a Board of Directors (Trustees) Chaired by Past Master John C Carrington.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

HEREAS the unincorporated organisation commonly known as The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (hereinafter referred to as 'the former company') petitioned Us for a Charter of Incorporation;

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE THAT WE by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative that behalf and of all others powers enabling Us so to do, of Our Especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant, direct, appoint and declare as follows:

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGISTS

The persons now members of the former Company and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Body Corporate or Corporation hereby constituted pursuant to or by virtue of the powers granted by these Presents and their successors, shall for ever hereafter (so long as they shall continue to be such members) be by virtue of these Presents one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company') and by the same name shall and may sue and be

sued in all Courts, and in all manner of actions and suits, and shall have power to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate.

- 2 The Arms, Crest, Badge and Supporters granted and assigned unto the former Company by Letters Patent under the hands and Seals of Garter, Clarenceux and Norroy and Ulster Kings of Arms bearing 9th day of October 1991 shall be transferred unto the said Company on the date on which this Our Charter shall take effect, and We do hereby give and grant unto the Company our Royal Licence and Authority that it may thenceforth bear and use the said Armorial Bearings according to the Laws of Arms, the said transfer being first recorded in our College of Arms, otherwise this Our Licence and Permission to be void and of none effect.

OBJECTS

- 3 The Objects for which the Company is hereby constituted are:
 - (i) the advancement of knowledge and its application as it relates to information and communications technology and in particular, by encouraging and fostering means of professional and social interaction and the exchange of information amongst those concerned with information and communications technology, by way of liaison, communication and



The Royal Charter

The Information Technologists' Company was granted a Royal Charter on 17th June 2010.

Royal Charters, granted by The Sovereign on the advice of the Privy Council, have a history dating back to the 13th century. Their original purpose was to create public or private corporations (including towns and cities), and to define their privileges and purpose.

Nowadays, though Charters are still occasionally granted to cities, new Charters are normally reserved for bodies that work in the public interest (such as professional institutions and charities) and which can demonstrate pre-eminence, stability and permanence in their particular field.

There are in excess of 900 Chartered bodies. A Royal Charter is a way of incorporating a body that transforms it from a collection of individuals into a single legal entity. A body incorporated by Royal Charter has all the powers of a natural person, including the power to sue and be sued in its own right.

Royal Charters were at one time the only means of incorporating a body, but there are now other means (becoming a registered company, for example), so the grant of new Charters is comparatively rare.

New grants of Royal Charters are these days reserved for eminent professional bodies or charities which have a solid record of achievement and are financially sound - and rigorous due diligence is undertaken. In the case of professional bodies they should represent a field of activity which is unique and not covered by other professional bodies.

At least 75% of the organisation's members should be qualified to first degree level standard. Finally, both in the case of charities and professional bodies, incorporation by Charter should be in the public interest.

This last consideration is important, since once incorporated by Royal Charter a body surrenders significant aspects of the control of its internal affairs to the Privy Council. Amendments to Charters can be made only with the agreement of The Queen in Council, and amendments to the body's by-laws require the approval of the Council (though not normally of Her Majesty). This effectively means a significant degree of Government regulation of the affairs of the body, and the Privy Council therefore has to be satisfied that such regulation accords with public policy.



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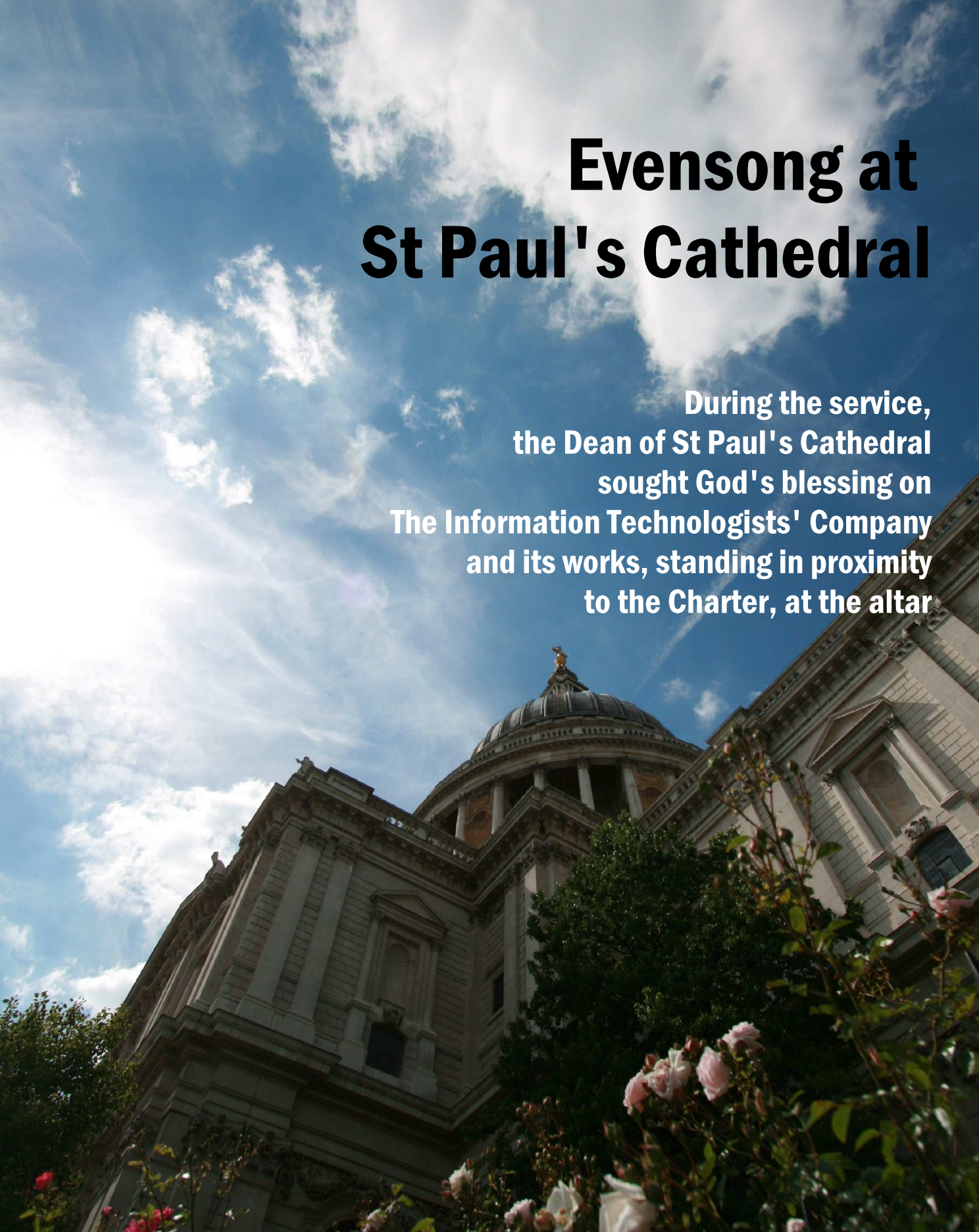
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Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral

**During the service,
the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral
sought God's blessing on
The Information Technologists' Company
and its works, standing in proximity
to the Charter, at the altar**



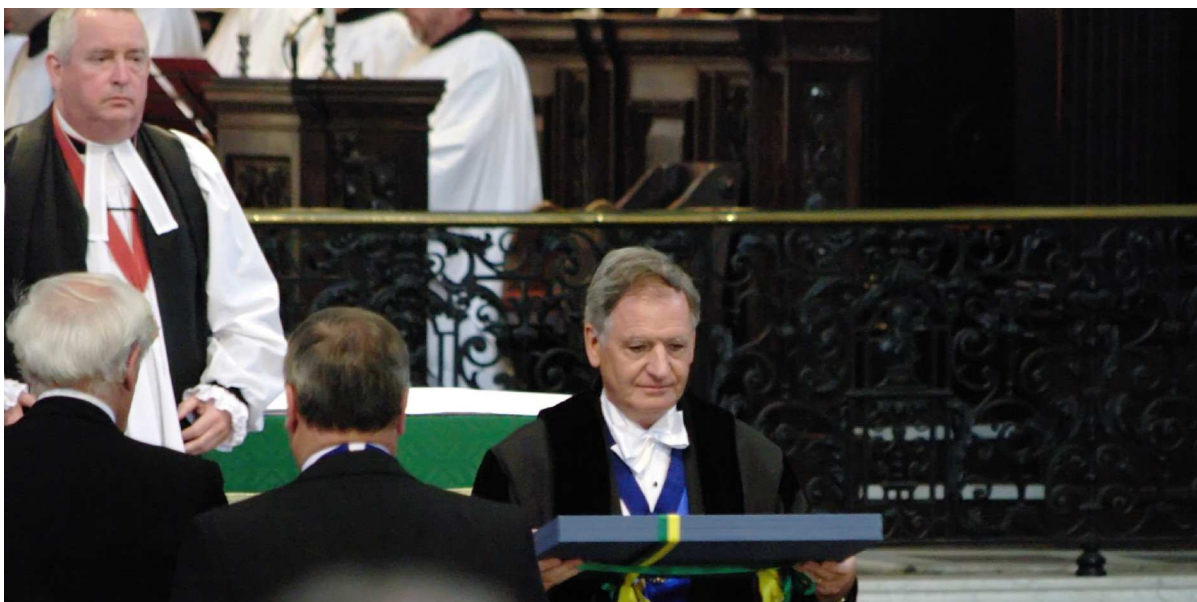
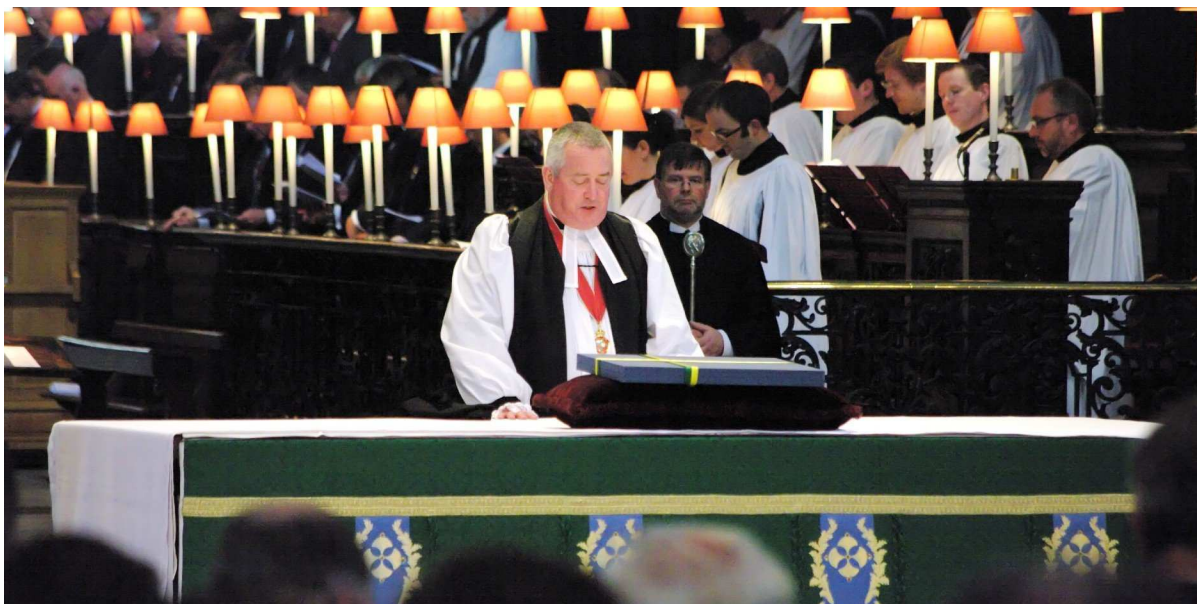


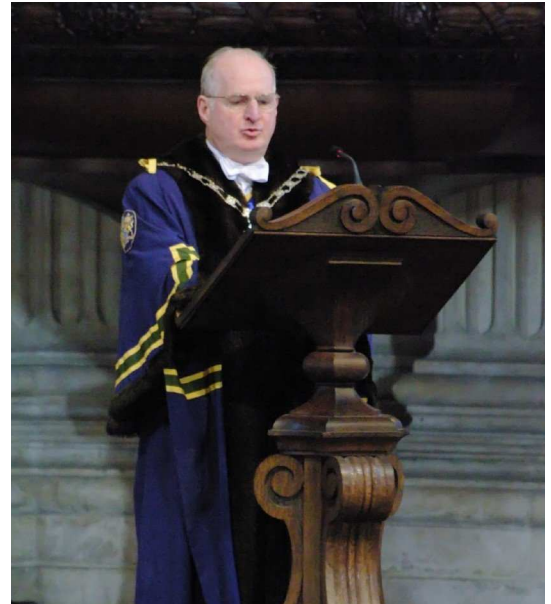
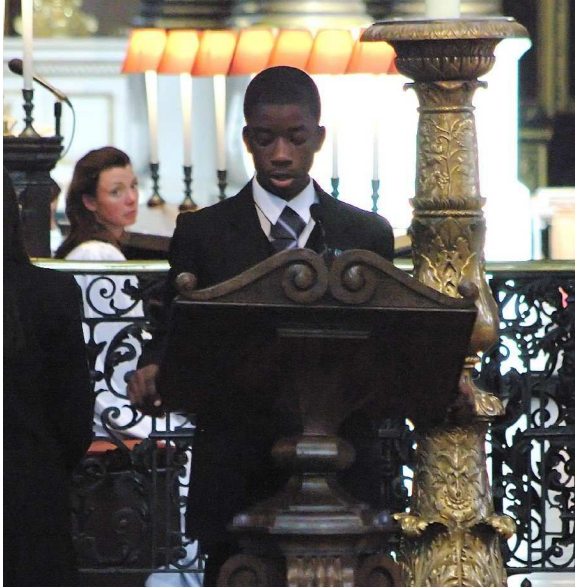
Guests arrive at St Paul's Cathedral. Pictured is Brigadier Allan Pollard, wearing the blue and yellow sash of a Liveryman of The Information Technologists' Company, and on a blue ribbon, the medal of a Court Liveryman - identifying him as a member of the Court (the 'management board') of the Information Technologists' Company.



Family and friends of all ages and backgrounds, united for an extra special celebration.







A pupil from Lilian Baylis Technology School read one of the prayers, and Master Charles Hughes gave the second Lesson.

The first part of this memorable day for the Company was a Choral Evensong and Sermon attended by the Company, distinguished guests, including the High Sheriffs of the City of London, the Masters and Clerks of many of the other City Livery Companies, representatives of the Jewish, Muslim and other faiths, and members of the public, at which the Royal Charter was placed upon the nave altar of St. Paul's Cathedral and a blessing sought upon the Company and all its works by the Dean of St. Paul's.

To the rousing processional hymn, *Thou whose almighty word*, there entered the procession consisting of the Choir of St. Paul's, the Master and Wardens of the Company, the visiting clergy (the Right Reverend John C Christie, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, a representative of the Methodist Church and Iain G. Mitchell QC, a Reader of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Company's Spiritual and Ethical Development Panel), and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral followed by the Charter itself, borne by Clerk, Michael Grant.

The music included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis of Kenneth Leighton and Britten's setting of *O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands*. The service was led by the Reverend Sarah Eynstone, Minor Canon and Chaplain. The first lesson (Ezra 4:7, 12-23) was read by Bishop Michael Colclough, Canon Pastor, and the second Lesson (Romans 10:11-21) by the Master. The prayers of Intercession were led by the Reverend Sarah Eynstone, with the Reverend Dr. Martin Dudley, the Company's Chaplain, The Clerk, Iain G. Mitchell QC and pupils of the Lilian Baylis Technology School. The Sermon was preached by The Reverend Canon Giles Fraser.

The Charter and Company were dedicated by the Dean.



Over 40 Masters of other City of London Livery Companies attended the service at St Paul's Cathedral.



After the service, guests gathered to watch the formal photographs and Procession. Centre: Bob Assirati.



An honoured guest, Peter J Cook, one of the two Sheriffs of the City of London, talks to attendees after the Service



Waiting for the formal photographs on the South Side of St Paul's Cathedral.





The Master, Past Masters, members of the Court, and honoured guests from the Royal Corps of Signals, Brigadier John Thomas MBE and Brigadier Tim Watts OBE.





Left to right: Alderman David Wootton, Court Liveryman, Mrs. Elizabeth Wootton, Keith Lawrey , Michael Webster , Panels Warden & Past Master John Carrington, Senior Warden Ken Olisa, OBE, Deputy Master Josephine Connell DL, Master Charles Hughes, Junior Warden Jonathan Soar.



Left to right: Clerk Michael Grant, John Poulter, Colin Black, Jamie Wallis, Mrs. Julie Cook, Sheriff Peter Cook, Musketeer John Hamilton, File Leader John Parkes.



Members of the Court of The Information Technologists' Company, and honoured guests from the Royal Corps of Signals:
(L to R): Alderman David Wootton, Colin Black, Wendy Parmley, Michael Grant, Sir Frederick Crawford DL,
Peter Cropper, David Morriss, John C Carrington, Keith Arnold OBE, Dr John Riley, Campbell McGarvie,
Dr Jean Irvine OBE, Brigadier Tim Watts OBE, Christopher Histed.



(L to R): Charles Hughes, Roger Ellis, Brigadier John Thomas MBE, Dr Stefan Fafinski, John Leighfield CBE, Tom Ilube, Peter Morgan MBE, John Wallace, Colin Knight, Roger Graham OBE, John Milner, Brigadier Alan Pollard, Robin Guenier, David Mann, Nicholas Birtles.







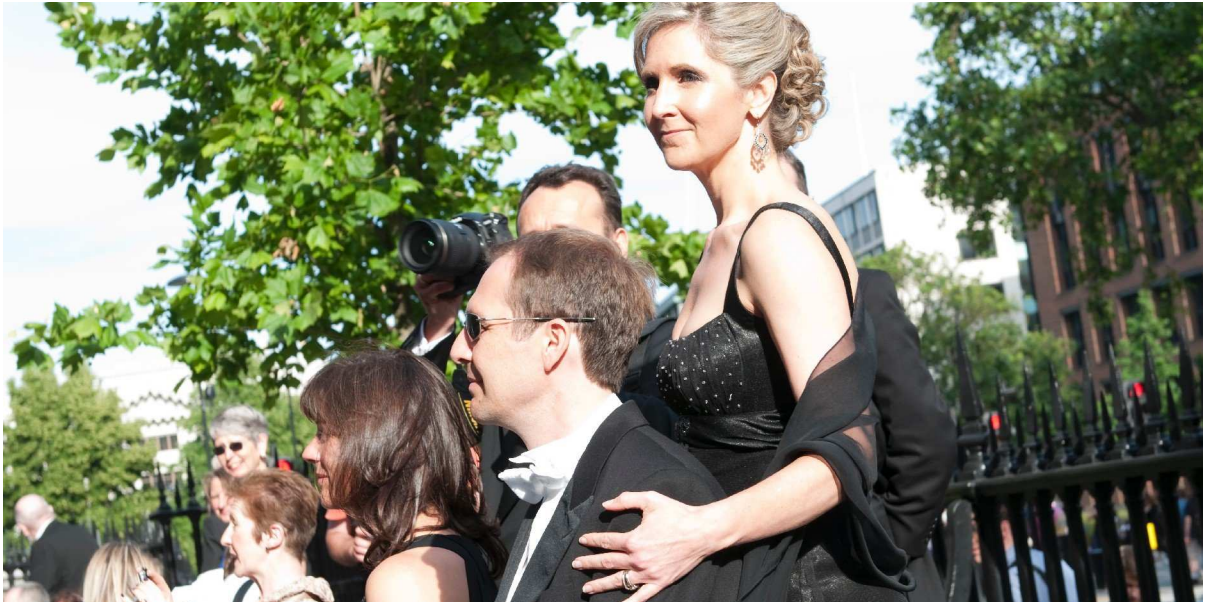


Top: Tom Ilube, Chris Histed, John Wallace, John Leighfield, Roger Graham, Roger Ellis.
Below: David Mann.



Members of the Company of Pikemen and
Musketeers from the Honourable Artillery Company





Top: Stephen and Kerry-Lyn Stanton-Downes.
Below: Sheldon Stoutt.





Top: David, James and Sharon Sutton.
Below: Roger Marshall, John Milner, Kerri Mansfield.





Members of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers await the arrival of the Clerk, Michael Grant, carrying the Royal Charter.



The procession from St Paul's to Mansion House

The Royal Charter is carried by the Clerk from
St Paul's Cathedral to Mansion House,
escorted by members of the
Company of Pikemen and Musketeers,
Honourable Artillery Company





The City of London Sheriffs and the procession depart St Paul's Cathedral, as the City of London Police close the roads en route to the Lord Mayor's residence, the Mansion House where the celebrations continue.







Alderman David Wootton, one of the two Sheriffs of the City of London, leaves St Paul's Cathedral.





Ensign Andrew Izod, Clerk and Adjutant, Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, leads the procession from St Paul's to Mansion House.













The Master, Charles Hughes, arrives at the Mansion House.

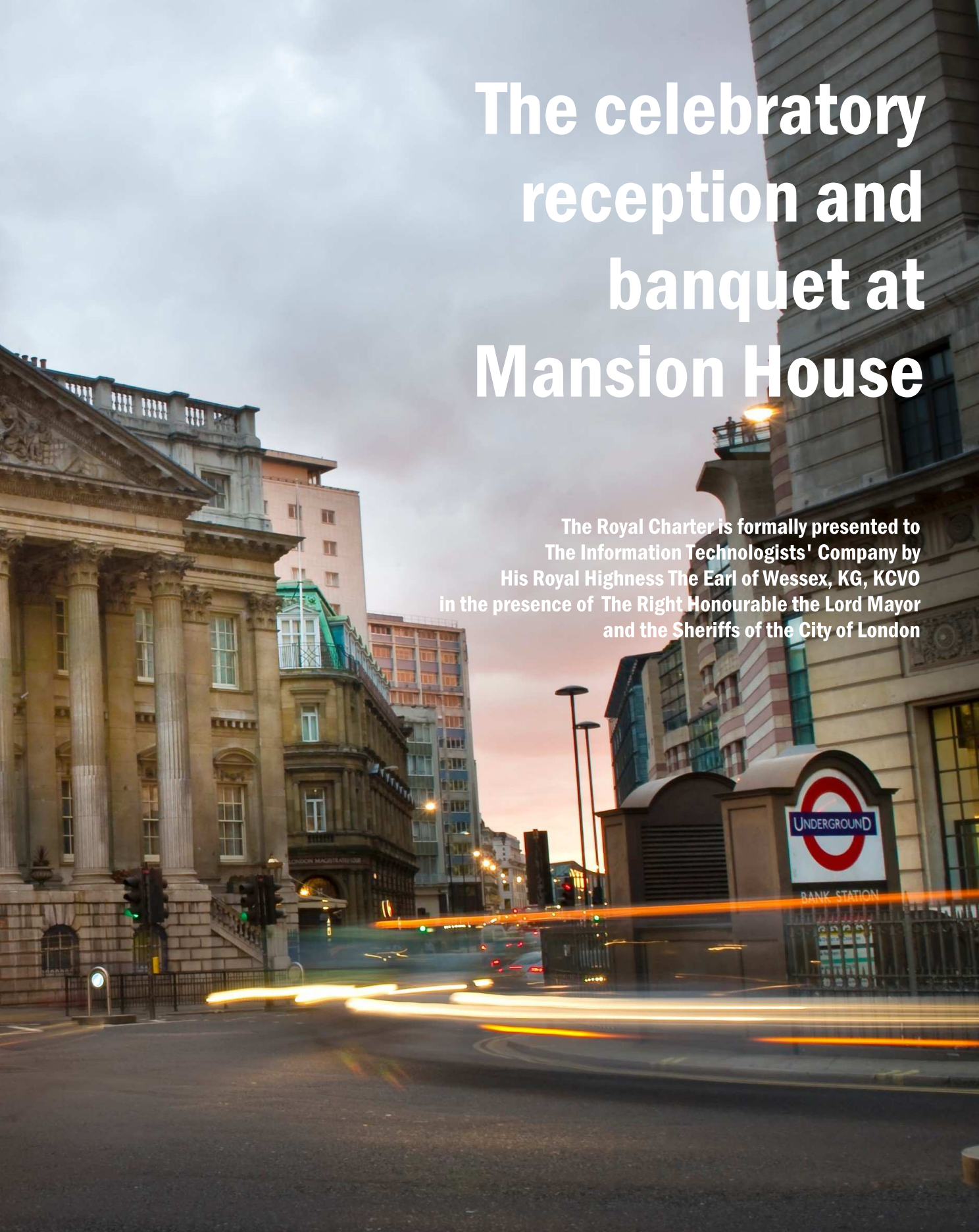






The celebratory reception and banquet at Mansion House

The Royal Charter is formally presented to
The Information Technologists' Company by
His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO
in the presence of The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor
and the Sheriffs of the City of London









Guests are welcomed by the Master Charles Hughes, Mrs. Beverley Hughes, Senior Warden Ken Olisa, OBE, Junior Warden Jonathan Soar, Panels Warden and Past Master John Carrington.











Top: Peter Cunningham with Rosemary and Mike Warburg.
Below: Margaret Leighfield.





Top: Jonathan Soar and John Carrington greet Roger Graham.
Below: Almira Ross.



Opposite: Margaret Leighfield, Peter Monson, Peter Morgan, Susanne Morgan, Lindi Carrington.





Top: Col. Paul Arengo-Jones CVO, Mark Powell, Mike Jenkins.
Below: Tom & Caron Ilube, Felicity Chadwick-Histed, Chris Histed.



Opposite: Tim & Catherine Cuddeford.

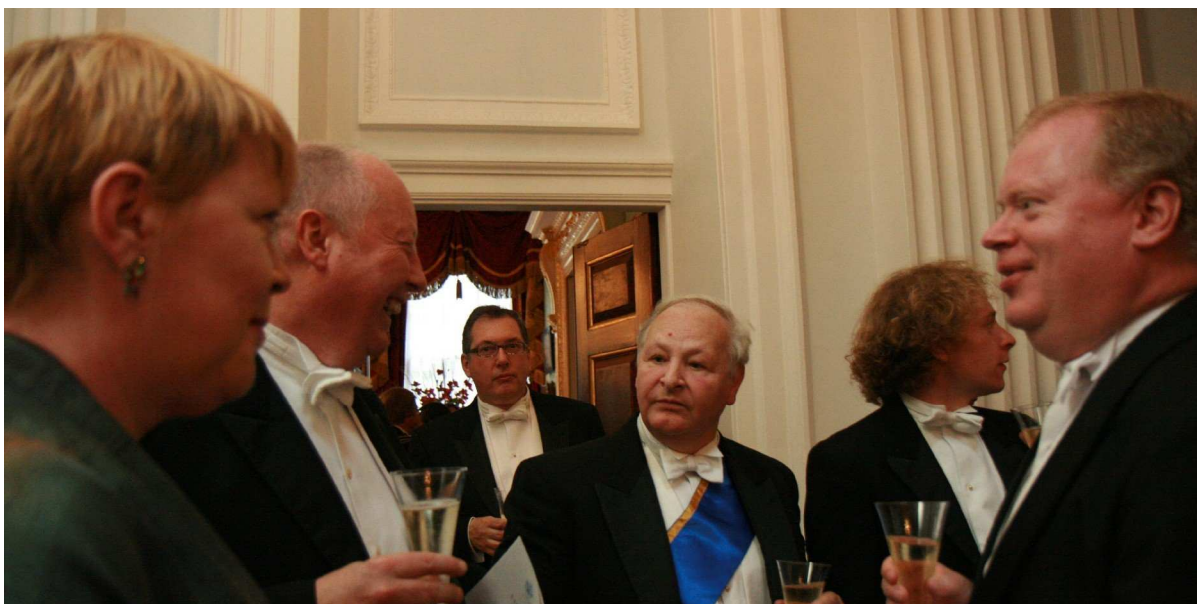








Top, right: Peter Tero.
Below, centre: Wolf Hahn.





Top: Lesley and Keith Arnold, Sir Fred Crawford, Lady Crawford.
Below: Bert Morris and Eva Mackay.







**His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO arrives
at Mansion House, greeted by the Master,
the Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman Nick Anstee,
and Lady Mayoress Mrs Claire Anstee**





Past Masters and their partners are presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO
 (Above: L to R: John & Margaret Leighfield, Peter Monson, Peter and Susanne Morgan, Lindi Carrington
 Below: L to R: Sir Fred & Lady Crawford, Peter Cropper, Jo & Michael Connell)





The Information Technologists' Company Education Team and their partners are presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO
(L to R: Tom & Caron Ilube, Chris Histed & Felicity Chadwick-Histed, Wendy & Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley)



Opposite page: Michael Webster and John Poulter are presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO





The Royal Corps of Signals' Brigadier John Thomas MBE, Brigadier Tim Watts OBE, and Mr Roy Williams are presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO.



Paul Finch and Michelle Field are presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO, and below, Keith Lawrey, Colin Black, Susan Black, Michael Webster and Clerk Michael Grant.





Presented to His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO are (above) Yvette Grant and Tim Grant and, below: Yvette Grant, Victoria Grant, Tim Grant and Louise Fulford.





**Beverley Hughes, Master Charles Hughes and
Junior Warden Jonathan Soar with
His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO.**



Left to right: Alderman David Wootton, Court Liveryman, Mrs. Elizabeth Wootton, Mrs. Sarah Soar, Junior Warden Jonathan Soar, Mr. Michael Connell, Deputy Master Josephine Connell DL, Mrs. Beverley Hughes, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee, Master Charles Hughes.



Left to right: His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO, the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Claire Anstee, Senior Warden Ken Olisa, OBE, Mrs. Julia Olisa, Panels Warden and Past Master John Carrington, Deputy Clerk Tricia Boswell, Clerk Michael Grant.







The Mansion House's Egyptian Hall, with
the Top Table to the right of the picture





Guido Castro and Maureen Lipman.









**The Clerk Michael Grant delivers
the Royal Charter to
His Royal Highness
The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO.**





His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO, presents the Royal Charter to the Master Charles Hughes, in the presence of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee.



Top: Brigadier Tim Watts OBE, Sarah Soar, Jonathan Soar, Sarah Legge.
 Below: Roger Graham, Campbell McGarvie, Sylvia McGarvie, John Handby, Kathy Handby, Phil Smith.























The Ceremony of the Loving Cup - left to right (above): Mr. Michael Connell, Deputy Master Josephine Connell, DL, Alderman and Sheriff David Wootton, Court Liveryman, Mrs. Beverley Hughes, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee, Master Charles Hughes.



Colonel Paul Arengo-Jones, CVO and Past Master Dame Stephanie Shirley, DBE.



The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee, Master Charles Hughes
and His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex, KG, KCVO.

The Loving Cup ceremony

The custom is said to have originated following the murder of King Edward, the Martyr, who was stabbed while drinking by his step-mother Elfrida at Corfe castle on 18th March 978 AD.

The cup is traditionally filled with spiced wine, immemorially termed “sack”.

Upon rising to drink from the cup, the person to the right and to the left of the drinker also stands. The drinker then bows to the neighbour to whom the cup will pass, who removes the cover with the right hand. This ensures that the “dagger arm” is employed and eliminates the risk of treachery.

Meanwhile, the neighbour on the drinker’s other side turns his back on the drinker, ostensibly to protect the drinker from attack from behind whilst in the act of drinking. Having drunk, the drinker applies the napkin to the lip of the cup, the lid is replaced and the drinker and his neighbour bow to one another before passing the cup.

The first drinker then turns about to protect the second drinker from attack; thus there are always three people on their feet, the drinker being in the middle.

If you do not wish to drink from the cup, it is a sufficient gesture of loyalty to receive and pass the cup on to the next guest with a slight bow.

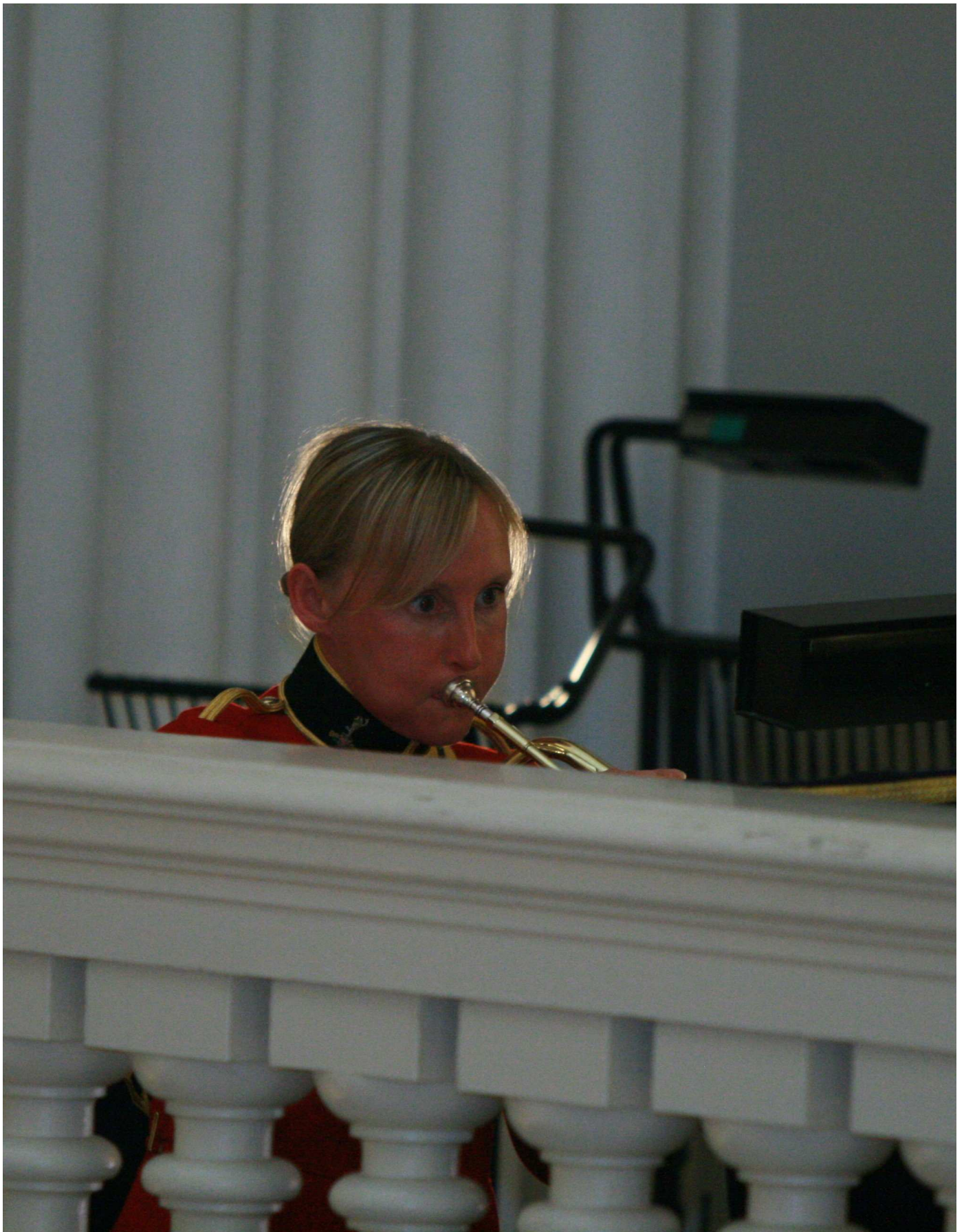


Left to right: Colonel Paul Arengo-Jones, CVO, Dame Stephanie Shirley, DBE, Mr. William Scarborough, Master of the Mercers' Company, Mrs. Elizabeth Wootton, Brigadier Tim Watts, OBE, Mrs. Sarah Soar.





The band of the Royal Corps of Signals provided the evening's musical entertainment.









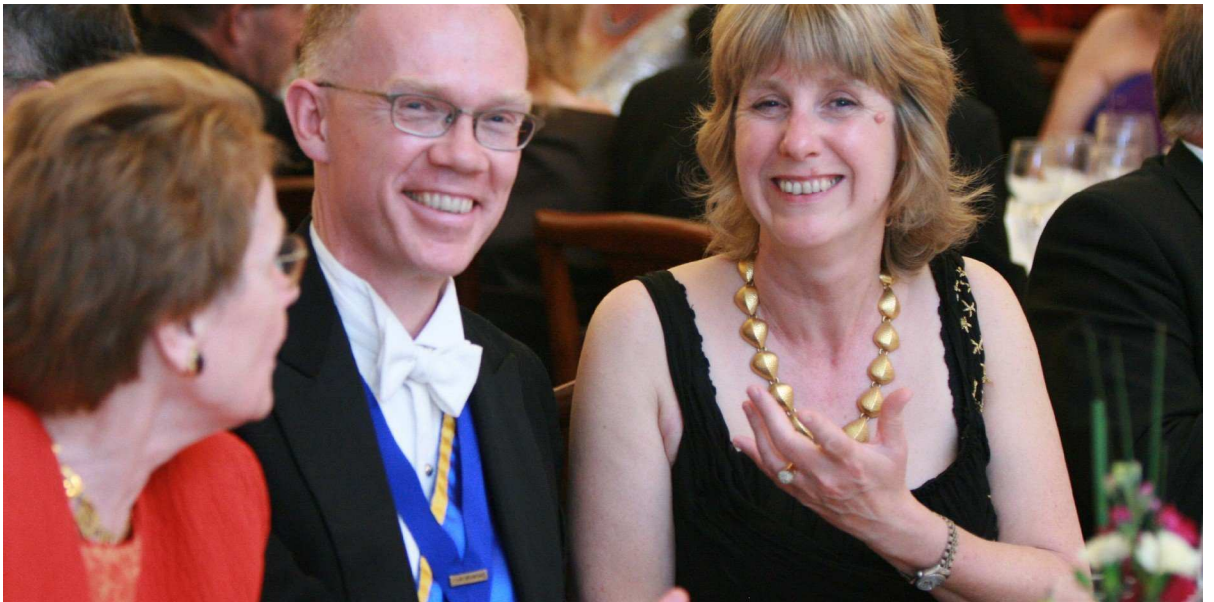




The band of the Royal Corps of Signals entertained the guests magnificently.

Left to right: Menna McGregor, Clerk to the Mercers' Company,
Brigadier (Rtd.) John Thomas, MBE.





Lady Crawford, Chris Histed, Felicity Chadwick-Histed.



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

LONDON SW1

The Master and Wardens of The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists and their guests assembled together for their Banquet to mark the Grant of a Royal Charter, in the presence of The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Nick Anstee and HRH The Earl of Wessex at The Mansion House, London, on Thursday, 17 June 2010, send loyal greetings to Your Majesty and offer you our continued support and good wishes.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Michael Grant, Esq.,
Clerk,
The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

Please convey my warm thanks to the Master, Wardens and guests of the
Worshipful Company of Information Technologists for their message of loyal
greetings, sent on the occasion of their banquet to mark the granting of a Royal
Charter which is being held tonight at Mansion House, London.

I much appreciate your kind words and, in return, send my best wishes to
all those who are present for a most memorable and enjoyable event.

ELIZABETH R.

17th June, 2010.











Top, centre: Colin Knight.

Below: Michael Powell, Anne & Roger Ellis, Andrea Winfield, Clive Selley.







THE MASTER'S SPEECH

The speech at the culmination of the banquet by the Master, Charles Hughes:

“Deputy Master, Wardens, My Lord Mayor, Your Royal Highness, My Lord, Aldermen, Sheriff, Information Technologists and Guests.

What a fantastic day for our company!

Who would have thought that, just 25 years after our founders first mooted the idea, we would have become one of the largest and most active of livery companies. We gained livery status in 1992, and today we have received our Royal Charter.

This is a great honour and brings tremendous prestige. We are following in the illustrious footsteps of the Weavers’ Company, the first company to gain a charter in 1155. This positioning of the ancient traditions with the modernity of information and communication technology underpins our philosophy of balancing the old and the new and the past with the present.

Ours is a new industry. But we recognise and adapt the principles developed over hundreds of years: to offer fellowship to our members and to help others by giving back through our education and charitable activities.

This sentiment is perfectly encapsulated in the foundation hymn of Christ’s Hospital. This school for disadvantaged children was founded in 1552 and is supported by the Lord Mayor and livery companies, and two of our members are governors.

The verse is:

“Praise for the unbroken story
Linking present with past,
Old world habit, civic glory,
Time-worn customs newly cast”

The grant of a Royal Charter is a great opportunity for rejoicing and celebration. It also has a significant legal implication – from today we are an incorporated body. You will be pleased, and no doubt relieved, to hear that no longer is each and every member jointly and severally liable for all the debts of the Company.

But of course most important is that it is a clear demonstration to our members, to the City and to the community at large that our efforts matter.

Sir, we are very grateful to you for joining us this evening and for presenting our Charter. Please accept this small gift of a history of our company.

The application process for a Royal Charter is lengthy and requires expert guidance. We have become knowledgeable about the arcane intricacies of the process.

We have learned, for example, the complexities of the simple phrase “by law” and that by permutating spaces, hyphens and capital letters it can be represented in print in no fewer than 14 different ways! At the same time we have revised our governance and amended our working practices.

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This mammoth task has taken nearly three years. The Clerk and I were joined in this undertaking by the original team of Michael Webster, John Poulter and our expert external adviser Keith Lawrie. On behalf of the Court I wish to thank you for all your time and skill and I invite you to come forward now to receive a token of our gratitude.

It may come as a surprise to some of our colleagues in other industries to discover that we are not solely techies. Away from the world of IT, John Poulter is also a poet and, to celebrate this splendid occasion, he has dedicated a poem to the Company – and donated the copyright.

It is entitled “Liveryman”, and it is printed on your programme. Thank you, John, for your creativity and your generosity.

My Lord Mayor: the support you and your Sheriffs give to the City’s livery companies is greatly valued. We are particularly delighted you are here today, and we are very thankful for the use of your home for our banquet and for the loan of your guard, the wonderful Pikemen and Musketeers.

You are doing outstanding work promoting and representing the City. Your charitable fund, Pitch Perfect, provides support for schools in challenging boroughs through two of your own keen interests: cricket and music.

The Company would like to support Pitch Perfect by presenting this cheque to you.

My Lord Mayor, I recollect that at a recent dinner a Master of a modern company requested – in light hearted fashion– changes to the order of precedence for livery companies. He made the case, at some length, that precedence should henceforth be alphabetical.

Can I assure you, My Lord Mayor, that this proposition receives no support from our Company, even though it would raise us significantly in the hierarchy. We are very proud of being the 100th livery company and have no wish to change.

However; information and communication technology is ubiquitous and underpins everything we do – government, business and our social lives. IT is founded on binary rather than decimal numbering and, looking very far ahead, we anticipate that the Court of Aldermen will ultimately adopt binary numbering. As we have already been allocated the binary number one, zero, zero we will then leap into the top five of the order of precedence. Maybe we should be called the Fabulous Five.

Let me assure the Master Mercer that the Mercers’ Company would of course – even in binary notation – retain the number one position.

An event such as this does not happen without tremendous support and goodwill from many individuals and organisations. I wish to thank those corporate bodies which have so generously sponsored our celebrations today: Brewin Dolphin, BT, Infinet Financial Systems, itSMF and Restoration Partners. Thank you all for your magnificent contribution.

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Michael has been the inspiration behind these celebrations, and as a Clerk, Court Assistant and Pikeman he has used his extensive City network shamelessly.

The moment is even more poignant because, after five and a half years, Michael retires as our Clerk tomorrow. Michael: it is a tremendous pleasure to have this opportunity to thank you publicly for all your exceptional work and for a fantastic Royal Charter Celebration.

The Lord Mayor describes the livery movement as the oldest, and probably the largest, philanthropic organisation in the World. We are a vital part of the City, presenting a very different face from that usually portrayed by the media.

The livery companies do wonderful work. Many provide significant financial assistance whilst others, like the Information Technologists, also give generously of their time and talent.

We certainly do not want to boast about those efforts, but I think it would be helpful if the role of livery companies was better understood and our purpose more clearly communicated.

We reach out to arts organisations and the disabled.

We support charities and schools. The building of the Academy school in Hammersmith, which we are developing jointly with the Mercers, is on target to open in September 2011.

Our entrepreneurs are mentoring 35 start-up companies and have set the objective of assisting 100 by 2012.

In support of all this, we are investigating how best we can use modern digital techniques – social networks and blogging for example – as effective tools for engagement. Indeed a Twitter account has been set up to capture tweets about today's Royal Charter Celebration – that is undoubtedly a first.

We also intend to make full use of this auspicious occasion today. The Financial Times online published an article yesterday where I outlined just some of our activities in the context of the ancient principles of a livery company. Today with the support of Whiteoaks we have briefed City, IT and national media. There will be a souvenir edition of our magazine, Monitor, two DVDs about the Academy and the Company and a luxurious book with a photographic record of this wonderful day.

So, we are raising our profile just a little above the parapet in the expectation that it will be beneficial to our Company, those that we help and the City.

Linking with the Armed Forces is a long standing livery tradition, and we are honoured to have a strong affiliation with the Royal Corps of Signals. We provide prizes and awards, and I have been privileged to make presentations to Signallers on three occasions this year.

We support each others' ceremonial events, and we shared a float in the Lord Mayor's Show. Then today, well what can I say – excellent ushering in St. Paul's Cathedral and magnificent musical entertainment this evening.

The relationship, though, goes much deeper. We are jointly working to form cadet units, and through our Education Committee have arranged for pupils of Lilian Baylis School to experience Royal Signals training – a revelation for both groups.

The Royal Signals Institute is supporting our journeyman scheme, and our Employment Panel is offering seminars and mentoring for those nearing the end of their military careers. This is a strong and symbiotic relationship of which we can all be very proud.

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The after-dinner speech by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee.



Lizzie Bradbury, Bob Fawcett, Philip Virgo, Marjorie Virgo, Mike Warburg.





Clerk Michael Grant retired at the end of the Royal Charter Celebration, after five and a half years at The Information Technologists' Company in that role. The entire audience gave him a standing ovation for his selflessness, commitment and unstinting hard work on behalf of the Company - and for being organising leader behind the Royal Charter and its Celebration.

Michael was elected by the Court to become Junior Warden in October 2010.





At the end of the banquet, a Royal Corps of Signals piper leads the procession out of the Egyptian Hall.

**Leaving the banquet - L to R:
The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Alderman Nick Anstee,
Michael Connell, Jo Connell, Beverley Hughes, His Royal Highness The Earl
of Wessex, KG, KCVO**







Centre: Robin Guenier.



Top: Sylvia & Campbell McGarvie, Oriel Graham, Roger Graham.
Below: Jolyon Parsons, Mike Jenkins.









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The Information Technologists' Company Court

The Court is the governing body of the Information Technologists' Company.
The members for 2009-10, in office from 8 October 2009, are:

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Charles Hughes

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Founder Master

Barney Gibbens OBE

Past Masters

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Colin Knight	(2006/07)
John Leighfield CBE	(2005/06)
Roger Graham OBE	(2004/05)
Campbell McGarvie	(2003/04)
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Tricia Drakes	(1998/99)
David Mann	(1997/98)
Keith Arnold OBE	(1996/97)
Ric Gainsborough Foot	(1995/96)
Sir Brian Jenkins GBE	(1994/95)
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Dame Stephanie Shirley DBE	(1992/93)
Robin A Laidlaw	(1990/91)
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Membership of The Information Technologists' Company

Membership of The Information Technologists' Company is open to IT practitioners and those working in other areas – such as finance, accountancy, law, health, personnel, marketing and PR – where there has been a strong IT connection. To become a member, a prospective candidate will need to demonstrate a track record of achievement related to the IT sector.

The candidate will also need to show some understanding of the Livery ethos and in particular, a commitment to giving something back to the sector and the wider community.

Benefits of membership

Many men and women in the IT sector are motivated to contribute to charitable or educational causes or wish to do something to support the IT profession. By joining the Company you can ensure that your contribution will have the maximum impact through the leverage of the time, talents and resources available across our membership.

As a member of our Company one will also become part of a dynamic and friendly community. A rapid pace of change is a given in the IT profession, not only in terms of technology, but also in terms of individual careers with IT professionals frequently changing roles, companies and even continents. Membership of our Company provides a complementary stability. Membership is for life and offers the chance to make lifelong friendships with like-minded people from all elements of the IT sector.

Members work together in 'Panels' around areas of mutual interest such as education, the arts, disability etc. Alongside these activity-focused groups there is a wide range of social events ranging from informal winebar evenings, to business lunches (with VIP speakers) and formal black tie dinners.

A member's contribution

Members expect to give their time, expertise, resources and networks to support the Company's charitable, educational and professional activities. Whilst the demands of career and family will mean that at any given time the level of face-to-face involvement with Company activities may vary, members can still make an important contribution to the Company's work by contributing their contacts, expertise and other resources to support specific activities.

Freemen and Liverymen

Initially, members join the Company as Freemen of the Company. Subsequently there is the opportunity for members to progress to the status of Liverymen, which is a precursor to being considered for more senior positions within the Company and also bestows voting rights within the City of London Corporation constitution.

More details on membership can be found at: www.wcit.org.uk

The membership: June 2010

There are five sections of membership of The Information Technologists' Company :
Honorary members, Companions, Liverymen, Freeman and Journeymen.

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Bernard Harty CBE	Honorary Liveryman
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Liveryman

*Old portraits peel out from a vanished age:
How much has changed, page by page?*

*Now dead men's faces peer at us
And mark our own mortality:
"Where you are is where we were,
And where we are will you soon be".*

*Thus, their endeavours, over now,
So ours, so soon, will slip our span.*

*And we have sought to make this world,
For all, a better place:
- In all the cosmos, negligible,
And yet a cosmic faith.*

*You who now may read these words,
You of the livery's grace,
Remember always the eloquence of truth
And mark the margins of your days.*

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Livery Companies and the City of London



The role of the modern Livery Company

The livery company – or guild – tradition stretches back as far back as 1066, and plays a vital modern role in commerce and trade and are involved in extensive charitable activities within the City and throughout the UK. The earliest reliable historical record in England is probably the Royal Charter granted to the Weavers' Company in 1155.

Livery companies began when people involved in the same craft or trade started making informal arrangements amongst themselves to regulate competition, maintain standards and protect each other in times of sickness or hardship. The companies also helped to preserve knowledge and skills for future generations.

Over the years, livery companies developed formal structures. Each company was led by an elected master and had its own headquarters or livery hall. Royal Charters gave them control over their own craft and the right to acquire property. Companies usually had four types of member: Apprentices – the usual entry to a trade or craft was through a seven-year apprenticeship. Journeymen – craftsmen who had served their apprenticeship. Freemen – craftsmen granted the freedom of the City of London. Liverymen – freemen with their own businesses were admitted as full members of the company.

The term 'livery' refers to the distinctive badges or clothes worn by company members. Ceremonial dress is still worn on official occasions. The livery tradition – with its emphasis on shared values, high standards, innovation and integrity – remains as relevant today as ever.

Livery companies: Support charity & community

One of the first charitable tasks undertaken by the early guilds was to care for their members in sickness and old age. Many livery companies still support or maintain almshouses for elderly people.

As guilds grew wealthier in the Middle Ages, rich liverymen left specific sums for the provision of shelter and food for their own members who were in need. Some of the charitable trusts formed in this way still exist and centuries of careful stewardship have resulted in the Livery being able to supplement the state's provision in many cases of real hardship.

The best known name in the history of the City of London was responsible for one of these long-lived trusts. Richard Whittington, a Mercer who died in 1423, left property worth at the time some £6,000 (the equivalent of many millions today) for almshouses. The trust still exists and has a substantial income which provides comfort and dignity for elderly people and others in need.

In addition to this traditional use of their charitable funds, many companies have broadened their giving into many other areas of life at home and abroad. Developing countries, people with disabilities, museums and libraries, housing, the arts, young people and medical research are among the causes which benefit.

To supplement the income from property and the charitable trusts, many liverymen constantly give their own money and raise large sums each year for special projects. In 2006, Livery Companies in the City of London gave over £40 million to charitable causes, the vast majority of this going to welfare and education, the beneficiaries of which are in large part outside of the particular industries the companies represent.

Livery companies: Supporting education

Almost from their earliest times the ancient guilds undertook a responsibility for the education and training of young people.

The Information Technologists' Company has a thriving Education & Training Committee, and the Company works with and supports schools of all sorts. It has a close supporting relationship with Lilian Baylis Technology School (LBTS) which it helped attain Specialist School status.

LBTS is the 7th most improved school in England for 5A-Cs with English and Maths, with a 'value added' score (measuring the progress students make) in the top 100 schools in England.

The Hammersmith Academy

The Information Technologists' Company and the Mercers' Company are co-sponsors of a proposed new all-ability, mixed non-denominational 11-18 Academy in the Askew Ward area of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. It's design is pictured, below.

The Academy is a new build, with no migration from an existing secondary school, and opens in September 2011 with a specialist status of - Creative & Digital Media and Information technology – providing a strong focus for the curriculum that actively promotes enterprise and innovation. The core mission is to: 'Develop the talents of all its students to the full and to raise educational standards, through effective practice and the innovative use of Information and Communication Technology.'

The sponsors' investment in education is a clear commitment to support the Local Authority's regeneration plans for the local community. Whilst there are families living in the borough who enjoy significant wealth, there are also significant levels of deprivation. In 2003, 36% of households received less than £10,000 per annum gross household income whilst the borough was ranked fourth highest in London for average house prices.

The Academy is designed to deliver transformation in two areas:

- The provision of a secondary school in the middle of Hammersmith and Fulham which raises standards of performance and is attractive to parents, reversing the current parental preference to send their children out of borough for secondary school education.
- The use of ICT to enable learning, fit for the 21st century, and acting as a beacon to schools in England and elsewhere in the provision of a vibrant, rewarding and high achieving learning culture.

For further information visit: www.HammersmithAcademy.org



Precedence of the 108 Livery Companies

In 1515, the Court of Aldermen of the City of London settled an order of precedence for the forty-eight livery companies then in existence, based on their economic and political power. The first 12 Livery Companies are known as the Great Twelve City Livery Companies.

Precedence has of course, been updated as time has gone by, and the list of Livery Companies is now as follows:

1. The Worshipful Company of Mercers
2. The Worshipful Company of Grocers
3. The Worshipful Company of Drapers
4. The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers
5. The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths
6. The Worshipful Company of Merchant Taylors
(alternates with the Skinners)
7. The Worshipful Company of Skinners
(alternates with the Merchant Taylors)
8. The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers
9. The Worshipful Company of Salters
10. The Worshipful Company of Ironmongers
11. The Worshipful Company of Vintners
12. The Worshipful Company of Clothworkers
13. The Worshipful Company of Dyers
14. The Worshipful Company of Brewers
15. The Worshipful Company of Leathersellers
16. The Worshipful Company of Pewterers
17. The Worshipful Company of Barbers
18. The Worshipful Company of Cutlers
19. The Worshipful Company of Bakers
20. The Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers
21. The Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers
22. The Worshipful Company of Armourers
and Brasiers
23. The Worshipful Company of Girdlers
24. The Worshipful Company of Butchers
25. The Worshipful Company of Saddlers
26. The Worshipful Company of Carpenters
27. The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers
28. The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers
29. The Worshipful Company of Curriers
30. The Worshipful Company of Masons
31. The Worshipful Company of Plumbers
32. The Worshipful Company of Innholders
33. The Worshipful Company of Founders
34. The Worshipful Company of Poulterers
35. The Worshipful Company of Cooks
36. The Worshipful Company of Coopers
37. The Worshipful Company of Tylers and
Bricklayers
38. The Worshipful Company of Bowyers
39. The Worshipful Company of Fletchers
40. The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths
41. The Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers
42. The Worshipful Company of Weavers
43. The Worshipful Company of Woolmen
44. The Worshipful Company of Scriveners
45. The Worshipful Company of Fruiterers
46. The Worshipful Company of Plaisterers
47. The Worshipful Company of Stationers and
Newspaper Makers
48. The Worshipful Company of Broderers
49. The Worshipful Company of Upholders
50. The Worshipful Company of Musicians
51. The Worshipful Company of Turners
52. The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers
53. The Worshipful Company of Glaziers and
Painters of Glass
54. The Worshipful Company of Horners
55. The Worshipful Company of Farriers
56. The Worshipful Company of Paviers
57. The Worshipful Company of Loriners
58. The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries
59. The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights
60. The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers
61. The Worshipful Company of Clockmakers
62. The Worshipful Company of Glovers
63. The Worshipful Company of Feltmakers
64. The Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters
65. The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers
66. The Worshipful Company of Gardeners
67. The Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers
Alias Wire Workers
68. The Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights
69. The Worshipful Company of Distillers
70. The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers
71. The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers
72. The Worshipful Company of Coachmakers
and Coach Harness Makers
73. The Worshipful Company of Gunmakers
74. The Worshipful Company of Gold and
Silver Wyre Drawers
75. The Worshipful Company of Makers of
Playing Cards
76. The Worshipful Company of Fanmakers
77. The Worshipful Company of Carmen

The modern Livery Companies

78. The Honourable Company of Master Mariners
79. The City of London Solicitors' Company
80. The Worshipful Company of Farmers
81. The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
82. The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
83. The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers
84. The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers
85. The Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors
86. The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
87. The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
88. The Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants
89. The Worshipful Company of Launderers
90. The Worshipful Company of Marketors
91. The Worshipful Company of Actuaries
92. The Worshipful Company of Insurers
93. The Worshipful Company of Arbitrators
94. The Worshipful Company of Engineers
95. The Worshipful Company of Fuellers
96. The Worshipful Company of Lightmongers
97. The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners
98. The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects
99. The Worshipful Company of Constructors
100. The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists
101. The Worshipful Company of World Traders
102. The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators
103. The Worshipful Company of Firefighters
104. The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers
105. The Worshipful Company of Management Consultants
106. The Worshipful Company of International Bankers
107. The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers
108. The Worshipful Company of Security Professionals

City Companies Without Grant of Livery

The Worshipful Company of Parish Clerks
The Company of Watermen and Lightermen

Both of these are never intending to apply for Livery due to ancient status and custom.

Other Guilds aiming to obtain a Grant of Livery

The Guild of Public Relations Practitioners
The Guild of Arts Scholars, Dealers & Collectors
The Company of Educators

The City of London

The City of London provides local government services for the financial and commercial heart of Britain, the 'Square Mile'. It is committed to supporting and promoting 'The City' as the world leader in international finance and business services through the policies it pursues and the high standard of services it provides. Its responsibilities extend far beyond the City boundaries in that it also provides a host of additional facilities for the benefit of the nation. These range from open spaces such as Epping Forest and Hampstead Heath to the famous Barbican Arts Centre.

The City of London combines its ancient traditions and ceremonial functions with the role of a modern and efficient local authority, looking after the needs of its residents, businesses and over 320,000 people who come to work in the 'Square Mile' every day. Among local authorities the City of London is unique; not only is it the oldest in the country but it operates on a non-party political basis through its Lord Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Court of Common Council. The Lord Mayor in particular plays an important diplomatic role with his overseas visits and functions at the historic Guildhall and Mansion House for visiting heads of State.

In addition to the usual services provided by a local authority such as housing, refuse collection, education, social services, environmental health and town planning, the City of London performs a number of very special functions. It runs its own police force and the nation's Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey. It provides five Thames bridges, runs the quarantine station at Heathrow Airport and is the Port Health Authority for the whole of the Thames tidal estuary. Three premier wholesale food markets (Billingsgate, Spitalfields and Smithfield) which supply London and the South East with fresh produce also belong to the City of London. Many of these services are funded from the City of London's own investments at no cost to the public.

The City of London is committed to an extensive programme of activities designed to assist its neighbours to combat social deprivation so that they can benefit from the wealth the 'Square Mile' generates. Staff and members of the City of London have, through centuries of careful stewardship, ensured that the 'Square Mile' has continued to thrive. Today's City of London, through its philosophy of sustainable development, aims to share these benefits with future generations of residents, businesses and workers.

The role of the Lord Mayor

As head of the City of London Corporation, which provides business and local government services to the City, the Lord Mayor of London's principal role today is ambassador for all UK-based financial and professional services.

The Lord Mayor is elected for one year and the position is unpaid and apolitical. It is an exceptionally demanding role. The Lord Mayor spends some 90 days abroad and addresses some 10,000 people face-to-face each month (making around 700 speeches a year). Read more about the Lord Mayor's international business role, and his overseas visit programme.

The Lord Mayor listens to City businesses and advises the Government of the day on what is needed to help the financial services sector to function well. The Lord Mayor frequently travels to represent the City and is treated overseas as a Cabinet level Minister. The Lord Mayor is President of the Advisory Council of TheCityUK. The Lord Mayor lives in the Mansion House for the Mayoral year.

Key facts about the City of London

The City of London is a world leader in international finance and business services. Financial services generated a trade surplus of more than £43bn in 2008. London's share of the UK's gross value added was almost 19% in 2007. The City of London Corporation is the organisation that supports and promotes the City and financial services in the capital and UK-wide.

It is committed to serving the needs of international business and maintaining an environment in which organisations and companies from all over the world can play their part in financing global trade and development.

It aims to ensure that the City continues to thrive and retain its place as Europe's financial capital and its position at the heart of the world's financial markets. The City is a vital asset to the British and European economies. Its markets are innovative, competitive and internationally focused. The best companies in the world do business here because this is the place to do business best.

- \$1,679bn foreign exchange turnover each day in London (35% global share)
- 22% of the global foreign equity market
- 70% of all eurobond turnover traded in London
- £263bn of worldwide premium insurance income in the UK
- 93m metal contracts per annum traded in London
- 1,050m contracts a year traded on London's international futures exchange Liffe
- £4.1trn total funds under management in the UK
- £1.7trn pension fund assets under management
- £43.3bn trade surplus generated by the UK financial services sector
- 43% global share in 'over the counter' derivatives market
- 89% share of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme
- 75% of Fortune 500 companies have London offices
- 250 foreign banks in London
- 618 foreign companies listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE)
- 18% of cross-border lending arranged in the UK, more than any other country
- Leading western centre for Islamic finance, with six fully Sharia compliant firms and 20 banks supplying Islamic financial services
- 20% share in 2007 of global market in marine insurance, making the UK the world leader

The City of London:

- provides local government services for the Square Mile, rated 'Excellent' by the Government
- promotes London as the world leader in international finance and business services
- tackles social exclusion in partnership with neighbouring boroughs
- is one of the most significant art sponsors in the UK, including the Barbican Centre, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and the Guildhall Art Gallery
- operates as the City of London Police authority, and works as port health authority for the River Thames
- maintains over 10,000 acres (4,047 hectares) of open space in and around London, including Epping Forest and Hampstead Heath
- runs Smithfield, Billingsgate and Spitalfields markets
- runs London's largest grant-giving charity, the City Bridge Trust



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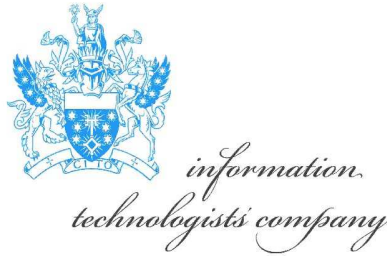
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